

Review: Mamma Mia!

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***Mamma Mia!* at Theatre Royal Plymouth**

You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life as another West End smash hit musical hits the stage at our beloved Theatre Royal Plymouth, and wow...What a show!

If you want to watch a show that fills your heart with the whimsical memories of old flames, entices you to jet off to a warm location, or just gives you that escapism from a rainy day in Plymouth, THIS show is guaranteed to give you all of that. The show is witty, lively, very entertaining, and quite simply is perfect thrilling audiences every night!

It's a real feel good show brought to life by a great cast, Sara Poyzer plays the part of Donna with all the courage, emotion and conviction of an independent single mum. Her strong acting and powerful vocals will leave you mesmerised and in awe throughout! Donna's two friends, Rosie (Nicky Swift) and Tanaya (Helen Anker) provide much empowerment, comedic relief, and energy which always leaves a smile on your face. The story starts with Sophie, (played by the brilliant Lucy May Barker who so effortlessly enchants the stage with her incredible performance) as she tries to secretly find out who her father is of 3 potential men- Sam, Harry, and Bill- the day before her wedding day so that he could walk her down the aisle. The story is full of heart-warming moments, surprises, emotion and comedy which never creates a dull moment on the bright stage.

The show set design appears simple on first glance, very little is not centred around the small hotel/taverna that Donna has made a success but the set lends itself to so many aspects of the hotel with just a small turn of the wall we can be in a hotel room, outside in the cafe, or sat on the wall in sunshine. The cast helps with scene changes during the songs so it becomes part of the show with props being used as imaginatively as possible during dance routines, and you can expect to be dazzled by the lights and effects!

Fantastically interjected with well known ABBA hits such as "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia" and "The Winner Takes It All " that will leave you dancing in your seat. The



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opening music just sends you straight in with good vibes, the orchestra fills the auditorium with melodies unmistakably ABBA that will keep you singing and dancing for days after seeing the show!

You know all the songs, you've seen the storyline before, so don't worry about if you'll like it, because I can guarantee you'll love it.